



# EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless

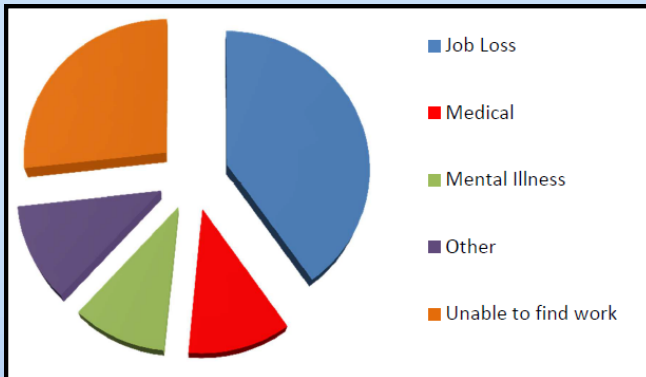
*Working to Prevent and Eliminate Homelessness*

## November 2012 Newsletter

### VA Stand Down

EscaRosa Coalition On the Homeless would like to say "Thanks" and congratulate everyone on a job well done on a very successful 2012 VA Stand Down. Out of the 191 surveys collected at this year's VA Stand Down, 140 veterans are homeless. There was a slight increase of homeless veterans from the previous year's VA Stand Down. ECOH appreciates your hard work and dedication to this year's event.

#### Top Five Survey Answers for "Main Reason for Homelessness"



#### VA Facts

- 62% of the homeless veterans answered "Yes" to having a disabling condition
- 42% of the homeless veterans surveyed would be considered Chronically Homeless

### Monthly Staff Tour

Irvin Stallworth, the Family Services Director with Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, guided ECOH staff through the Betty and James Salter Center's main office, located at 300 West Leonard Street. Pensacola Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty in Escambia and Santa Rosa County. Habitat for Humanity brings families and communities together through volunteerism that builds affordable homes. Habitat families are selected based on the following three criteria; need, a willingness to partner, and ability to pay. Habitat for Humanity homes are sold with no profit margin. Homeowners contribute their time through labor hours called 'sweat equity' and house payments. For more information visit [www.pensacolahabitat.org/apply](http://www.pensacolahabitat.org/apply) or call 434-5456.

*Every month the ECOH staff tours an agency or program that shares our mission of Preventing and Eliminating Homelessness. Want to spotlight your program? Call 439-3009 for more information.*

### Our Next General Coalition Meeting

Join us **Monday** November 12th at 1pm at **5086 Canal Street in Milton**, in addition to usual business we will be announcing the Paula Threat Award Winner!

#### Paula Threat Nominees

- Cathy Harris—Streets and Lanes Ministries
- Sandra Mitchell—Starting New in Northwest Florida
- Janis Wilson—CSME Project Coordinator
- Bill Farris—Samaritan Hands
- Denita Williams—Olive Baptist's Ministry Village
- Sandra King—Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida

### Monthly News

- Don't forget that National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week starts November 11th with the Food Drive Kick Off and Veterans Day Celebrations!
- Be sure to visit [www.ECOH.org](http://www.ECOH.org) for more information about upcoming events, including the full NHHAW schedule of events.

